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## Sir:

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated March 31, 2009 in the aboveidentified patent application, the applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 1-13, 18-23 and 28-52) drawn to a recombinant bacterial cell comprising an isolated nucleic acid construct, said cell expressing at least one alkalinizing enzyme.

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